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## **ABSTRACT**

[0031] A positive electrode active material for lithium-ion rechargeable batteries of general formula  $\text{Li}_{1+x} \text{Ni}_{\alpha} \text{Mn}_{\beta} A_{\gamma} \text{O}_2$  and further wherein A is Mg, Zn, Al, Co, Ga, B, Zr, or Ti and  $0 < x \le 0.2$ ,  $0.1 \le \alpha \le 0.5$ ,  $0.4 \le \beta \le 0.6$ ,  $0 \le \gamma \le 0.1$  and a method of manufacturing the same. Such an active material is manufactured by employing either a solid state reaction method or an aqueous solution method or a sol-gel method which is followed by a rapid quenching from high temperatures into liquid nitrogen or liquid helium.